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1. UK against protest now on East German militarization--US Ambassador Douglas in London has been informed by the British Foreign Office that Foreign Secretary Bevin has decided against making a formal protest at this time to the USSR over the formation of a militarized police force in East Germany. According to Douglas, Bevin suggests that the US, UK, and French Foreign Ministers consider the matter at their forthcoming meeting. Douglas comments that he will press for reconsideration of the present British decision as soon as possible.
2. US, UK, French demarche to Yugoslavia--US Ambassador Allen in Belgrade has been authorized by the Department of State to join with his French and British colleagues there in expressing concern to the Yugoslav Foreign Minister regarding the tension developing between Italy and Yugoslavia over the Trieste question. As part of the joint statement, the Department suggests that the three Western representatives point out the advantages to both Italy and Yugoslavia in stabilizing their relations generally and the importance of avoiding further provocative speeches and actions in regard to Trieste. The Department suggests, if the Yugoslavs' reaction to the demarche "leaves no doubt" of their intention to annex the Yugoslav zone of the Trieste Territory in the near future, that their attention be drawn to the serious consequences such an action would have on relations between Yugoslavia and the West. The Department has also instructed US Ambassador Dunn in Rome to inform the Italian Government, in conjunction with his French and British colleagues there, of the nature and extent of the demarche to the Yugoslav Government.

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